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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the undersigned be informed of the current status of the above-identified application inasmuch as it has been almost three years since the application was filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Respectfully submitted,

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